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No expense after its publication in the Iowa State Register and
to State. Hamilton Freeman, without expense to the State.

Approved April 3, 1868.

[For certificate of publication, see Addenda.—SEC. OF STATE.]

CHAPTER 85.

AN ESCHEAT IN BUCHANAN COUNTY RELEASED.

APRIL 3. AN ACT to Release to Alfred Heber Reynolds any and all Right
of the State of Iowa, by Way of Escheat, to certain Lands
in Buchanan County, Iowa.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, One Jacob McMichael, in the year 1854, became owner in fee simple of the following described lands, to-wit: E $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ and s $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$, section 20, township 87, r. 10; and n $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ and ne $\frac{1}{4}$, section 29, township 87, r. 10; and nw $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$, and ne $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$, section 31, township 88, r. 10,—which said land the said Jacob McMichael and Lovina, his wife, conveyed by deed of warranty to Alfred Heber Reynolds on or about the 28th day of October, 1864; and

WHEREAS, The said McMichael, at the time of such purchase and sale, was an alien of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The said Alfred Heber Reynolds, for three years last past, has been and now is a resident of the State of Iowa, and has settled upon and improved said lands: therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That any and all claims of the State of Iowa in and to the east half of the south-east ne $\frac{1}{4}$ § 20, ne $\frac{1}{4}$ § 29, qr., and south half of north-east qr., of section twenty; nw $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ and also, north half of south-east qr., and north-east qr. of ne $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ § 31, section twenty-nine; also, the north-west qr. of north-tp. 87, r. 10, east qr., and north-east qr. of north-west qr. of section thirty-one, all in township eighty-seven n. of range ten, w. of 5th p. m. in Buchanan county, State of Iowa, by reason of, any liability of the same to be escheated to the State, on account of the alienage of the said Jacob McMichael, be and the same are hereby relinquished to the said Alfred Heber Reynolds.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Buchanan County Bulletin and Guardian and the Iowa State Register, without expense to the State.

Approved April 3, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Buchanan County Bulletin and Guardian* April 10, 1868, and in the *Iowa State Register* April 15, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

CHAPTER 86.

CIRCUIT AND GENERAL TERM COURTS.

AN ACT Establishing Circuit and General Term Courts, and to Define the Powers and Jurisdiction thereof. APRIL 3.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That Circuit Courts are hereby established throughout the State, and each judicial district, as now or hereafter constituted by law for the election of district judges, shall be divided into two circuits as hereinafter more particularly described, in each of which there shall be elected, by the qualified voters thereof, at the general election in November, 1868, and every fourth year thereafter, a Circuit Judge, the votes for whom shall be on the same ballot with that for State officers, shall be canvassed, returned, and certified in the same manner, and certificates of election issued the same, as in case of district judges.

SEC. 2. Said judges shall hold office for the term of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; but in case of a vacancy occurring in any circuit, the Governor shall appoint a judge who shall hold office until the next general election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. Each of the said judges shall hold at least four terms of court in each county of his circuit in each year, which court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction in each county, severally, of the following actions and proceedings, viz.: All matters relating to the probate of wills, the appointment and supervision of executors, administrators, and guardians of minors, idiots, and lunatics, the settlement of decedents' estates,